

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Crouch et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 12, and amend existing claims 3, 4, and 6-8 with replacement claims as follows:

3. A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the openings of the strainer member are of a uniform size.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (IF APPLICABLE)

Date of Deposit: 3-20-02. I hereby certify that this paper/fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail-Postage Prepaid, under 37 CFR 1.8, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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4. A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the openings are of a non-uniform size.

6. A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the housing is of dimensions to allow it to be received within the outlet of a bath, shower or wash basin.

7. A devices as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the lid of the housing is securable in position on the remainder of the housing by screw threads.

8. A device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a liner having an outlet, the housing being secured to the liner at the outlet thereof.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Title/Specification/Claims/Abstract by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made for the purpose of bringing the PCT application closer to US practice standards and not necessarily to limit the claims.

**Should the Examiner believe that telephone communication would advance the prosecution of this case to finality, she or he is invited to call at the number below.**

Please charge any fee due not paid by a check or credit card provided herewith, and/or charge any underpayment in any fee, and/or credit any overpayment in fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-2381.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

3. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 [or Claim 2], wherein the openings of the strainer member are of a uniform size.
4. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 [or Claim 2], wherein the openings are of a non-uniform size.
6. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, wherein the housing is of dimensions to allow it to be received within the outlet of a bath, shower or wash basin.
7. (Amended) A devices as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, wherein the lid of the housing is securable in position on the remainder of the housing by screw threads.
8. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, further comprising a liner having an outlet, the housing being secured to the liner at the outlet thereof.